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SUBJ: 3M REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

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1. USTDC WARSAW REGRETS IT DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO UNDERTAKE MARKET-RESEARCH PROJECT NEEDED BY 3M NOR IS THIS INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE TO US IN OTHER FORMS. HOWEVER, NAMES OF POLISH CONTACTS FROM WHOM THIS INFORMATION MIGHT BE AVAILABLE CAN BE FURNISHED TO 3M IF COMPANY DESIRES TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT WITH ITS OWN RESOURCES OR CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY TO DO IT.

2. 3M HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE POZNAN FAIR AND HAD REGULAR CONTACTS WITH THE TDC SINCE 1974. THEIR INTEREST IN THE POLISH MARKET IS OBVIOUS AND WE HAVE PROVIDED

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THEM WITH LIMITED MARKETING DATA IN THE PAST.

3. THE TDCS NORMAL CONTACT WITH 3M HAS BEEN THROUGH ITS SWISS OFFICE (3M EAST). IN MARCH, IN ITS LATEST EFFORT TO OBTAIN MARKETING INFORMATION THROUGH US, 3M SENT A LETTER WITH A DETAILED REQUEST FOR THE POLISH MARKET ON EDUCATIONAL AIDS AND

EQUIPMENT. THE TDC REPLIED WITH A LIST OF LOCAL CONTACTS, BUT WROTE THAT IT WAS UNABLE TO UNDERTAKE THE RESEARCH PROJECT ITSELF.

4. WE DO NOT KNOW HAT LEVEL OF COORDINATION EXISTS BETWEEN 3M EAST AND THE HOME OFFICE IN MINNESOTA ON SUCH PROJECTS, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT 3M IS WORKING TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION IN POLAND AND THAT A HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL FROM 3M IS COMING HERE DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22 TO TRY TO GAIN FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE POLISH GIVERNMENT. THE TDC DIRECTOR WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS VISIT TO DISCUSS 3M'S MARKET-RESEARCH NEEDS.

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